

## Panels of the Reitox workshop

Aims and expected contribution

### **Panel I: Situation**

The aim of this panel is to inform each other about the current situation in the participating countries based on the most recent data available. We will give the opportunity to each country to give a brief overview on the use of new psychoactive substances (NPS) and its consequences in a 5 minutes long presentation accompanied by a few slides (we kindly ask you to limit your presentation to a maximum of 3-4 slides/country).

Topics your overview may address:

- prevalence of NPS use and problem NPS use;
- problem NPS use patterns (e.g. injecting use, changes in primary drugs, specific user groups);
- parallel phenomena (e.g. heroin shortage);
- consequences of the spread of NPS use for the treatment and care system;
- recent changes of the control systems.

### **Panel II: Tools and challenges of monitoring**

The aim of this panel is to identify challenges and problems Focal Points face when collecting and analysing data on NPS. We will give the opportunity to each country to share their experiences regarding monitoring problems in a 5 minutes long contribution (here you also have the possibility to accompany your presentation by 2-3 slides).

Topics your contribution may address:

- data sources (key indicators);
- categorisation problems;
- problems with European/international, national definitions;
- interpretation problems (you might want to present a case);
- other challenges.

### **Panel III: New approaches in monitoring and data collection**

The aim of this panel is to share good practices and solutions to overcome the challenges raised by the new phenomenon. We will give the opportunity to each country to share already existing national practices or planned activities on how they monitor the phenomenon and interpret data in a 5 minutes long contribution (here you also have the possibility to accompany your presentation by 2-3 slides).

Topics your contribution may address:

- new approaches, methods, definitions in routine data collections;
- research projects on NPS;
- examples to cross indicator analysis, mixed methods.

#### **Panel IV: New tasks and activities of Focal Points**

The aim of this panel is to explore if the spread of NPS affected the role of NFPs at national level and if it did so, how NFPs adopted to the situation. We will give the opportunity to each country to share their experiences in a 5 minutes long contribution (here you also have the possibility to accompany your presentation by 2-3 slides).

Topics your contribution may address:

- new data/information needs at national level;
- new tasks delegated to NFPs at national level;
- new target audience and methods of information dissemination.